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BULGARIA ISSUES DECREE ON PERSONAL PASSPORTS

On 27 March 1952, the Presidium of the People's Assembly issued the follow-
 ing decree on personal passports (lichni pasport):

1. The People's Militia of the Ministry of the Interior is issuing per-
 sonal passports. These passports are the basic documents for the identification
 of Bulgarian citizens. The passports are valid either indefinitely or for 5
 years.
2. Every citizen over 16 must have this passport.
3. Identity can be established with a temporary identification certificate
 (vremenno udostoverenie za samolichnost), which is issued once only by the
 People's Militia.
4. The circumstances under which personal passports and temporary identi-
 fication certificates are issued are specified in the Regulations on Personal
 Passports and Registration of Addresses of Bulgarian citizens, which were
 approved by the Council of Ministers.
5. Any person who gives employment or shelter to persons without [documents]
 or with irregular identification documents, or to those whose addresses are not
 registered in accordance with the established regulations, or accepts identi-
 fication documents for safekeeping will be fined not more than 10,000 leva.
6. A citizen who does not obtain an identification document, does not
 register his address during the period specified by the regulations, or destroys
 identification documents will be fined not more than 25,000 leva, provided the
 action is not severely punishable in accordance with another law.

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7. In case alterations are made in the personal passport or the personal passport or temporary identification of another person is used, the guilty person will be punished in accordance with Article 242, Paragraphs 1 and 2, and Article 252 of the Criminal Law (Kakazetelen zakon).

8. Violation of items 5 and 6 above are determined by an act established by the People's Militia on the basis of which the chiefs of the respective okoliya or rayon administrations of the Ministry of the Interior issue punitive orders imposing fines.

The punitive order may be appealed to the above chief within 7 days of receipt of the order.

This decree is effective as of the date of its publication in Izvestiya.

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